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EDUCATION

École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL), Institut Jean Nicod <i>PhD Psychology</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervisor: Hugo MercierThesis: How do we infer other's competence?	<i>Expected graduation: Fall 2027</i> <i>Paris, FR</i>
École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL) <i>MA Cognitive Science — ENS Diploma</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervisor: Hugo MercierFinal Year Ranking: 1/78Thesis: One Feeling, Many Domains: The Consistent Appeal of Insight across Knowledge Areas and Modalities	2021 – 2024 <i>Paris, FR</i>
University of Princeton <i>Visiting Student Research Collaborator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervisor: Alin Coman	Feb. 2023 – Jun. 2023 <i>Princeton, NJ, USA</i>
University of Cambridge <i>Visiting Research Student</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervisor: Lee de-Wit	Sep. 2022 – Jan. 2023 <i>Cambridge, UK</i>
Sciences Po Bordeaux <i>BA Political Studies</i>	2018 – 2021 <i>Bordeaux, FR</i>
University Paul Valéry <i>BA Philosophy</i>	2018 – 2021 <i>Montpellier, FR</i>

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications

- Mercier, M., Garsmeur, A. & Mercier, H. (2025) The Appeal of Insight: Why Riddles and Whodunits Captivate Us. *Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts*. Advance online publication.
- Mercier, M., Dubourg, E. & Mercier, H. (2025) Insight-seeking is consistent across domains and distinct from other forms of curiosity. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 237, 113051.

Working Papers

- Mercier, M., Morin, O., Mercier, H., Quillien, T. (2025) Who knows what? Bayesian Competence Inference guides Knowledge Attribution and Information search. *PsyArXiv*, https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/rt8ux_v1
- Dubourg, E., Thouzeau, V., ..., Mercier, M., ..., Baumard, N. (2025). The Cognitive Foundations of Fictional Stories. (*Under review*)

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

- Bayesian Inference in Competence Evaluation** [Poster] 2025
Symposium on the Biology of Decision Making SBDM, Lyon
- In Search of Experts: Bayesian Inference of Knowledgeability from Minimal Cues** [Long Talk] 2025
European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association EHBEA, Newcastle
- The Appeal of Insight: Why Riddles and Whodunits Captivate Us** [Talk] 2025
Explaining Culture Conference, Paris

Invited Talks

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| 2. The Appeal of Insight: Cultural Preferences, Personality and Metacognition
<i>CreaTeam, Frontlab, Paris Brain Institute</i> | 2025 |
| 1. How do People Judge Competence from Minimal Cues?
<i>Laboratoire de Neurosciences Cognitives et Computationnelles LNC² - Social Cognition Team, ENS-PSL</i> | 2025 |

TEACHING

Courses

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| Introduction to Experimental Psychology <i>PSL University</i>
• Sole Instructor, Undergraduate Course, 30h | 2025 – 2026 |
| Human Behaviour Culture and Societies <i>École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL)</i>
• Teaching Assistant, Graduate Course
• Taught with Nicolas Baumard & Jean-Baptiste André | 2024 – 2025 |

Guest Lectures

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| The Appeal of Insight <i>CPES Données Arts et Cultures – PSL, LLG</i> | 2025 |
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Student internship supervision

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| 3. Ruby De Lanerolle, <i>undergraduate</i> | 2025 |
| 2. Nina Vivier Barte, <i>undergraduate</i> | 2024 – 2025 |
| 1. Clementine Allais, <i>undergraduate</i> | 2024 – 2025 |

WORK EXPERIENCE

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| Data Scientist
<i>Noèse</i> | 2023 – Present |
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SCIENCE OUTREACH

General Audience Talks

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| 1. Interactive experience and game on psychological consequences of inequalities. Nuit Européenne des Chercheurs , Brest | 2023 |
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